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Title:                         **INTERACTIVE REVERSE CHANNEL FOR DIRECT  
BROADCAST SATELLITE SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed herein 27 July 2004. Applicant notes that the last day for responding to that Office Action within a first month's extended period fell on a Saturday. Applicant hereby files this response on the next succeeding business day pursuant to 37 CFR 1.7(a), together with a request, made by separate paper, for a one-month extension of time.

**REMARKS**

This response consists of the filing of a continuation patent application claiming priority to this application, and a preliminary amendment. The continuation application and preliminary amendment are filed concurrently herewith, by separate papers.